

MEMORANDUM



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From: Sarah Holmgren

Subject: February 25, 1998
Parameter Assessment
Team Meeting

Pursuant to your request, the USFWS has been contacted regarding the two issues that emerged from the January 28, 1998 PAT meeting: (1) the USFWS's opinion on the deletion of carbofuran from the CALFED Water Quality Parameters of Concern and (2) the USFWS participating in the February 25, 1998 PAT discussions regarding carbofuran and future PAT meetings.

Douglas Morrison of the USFWS was contacted on February 10, 1998, to request the USFWS's position on the request for the deletion of carbofuran from the CALFED Water Quality Program Parameters of Concern and to extend an invitation to the February 25 Parameter Assessment Team meeting. Douglas Morrison indicated that we should speak with Tom Maurer regarding the USFWS's position on carbofuran.

Tom Maurer was contacted on February 10, 1998. Mr. Maurer indicated that carbofuran is not necessarily a water quality problem for the USFWS. The concern of the USFWS with respect to carbofuran is related to carbofuran used in a solid particulate form which is spread through fields. When used in this form, birds tend to eat the carbofuran; the results of which are often fatal. Notwithstanding this fact, Mr. Maurer indicated that he and Douglas Morrison would attend the February 25 Parameter Assessment Team meeting to participate in discussions regarding carbofuran.

Mr. Maurer also indicated that he was concerned with targets which had been established for selenium. He was informed that these types of issues are discussed during Parameter Assessment Team meetings and his participation in the February 25 meeting and future meetings was encouraged.